GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:341
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006
CELEBRATION OF TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed any Committee in connection with the commemoration of 150th Year of First War of Independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any programme has been chalked out by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details alongwith the progress so far made; and

(e) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 FOR 14.12.2006 REGARDING CELEBRATION OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAR

(a) to (e) : The Government of India constituted a National Committee under the Chairmanship of Honourable Prime Minister to commemorate the following events:-

1. 150th Anniversary of the First War of Independence, 1857
2. 60th Anniversary of Indian Independence;
3. Centenary Celebration of Adoption of Vande Mataram as National song;
4. 75th Anniversary of Martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh; and
5. Birth Centenary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh

A National Implementation Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Human Resource Development Minister to chalk out the programmes and activities to be undertaken. The proposed Budget for the commemorative activities is Rs.150.00 crores. Various activities as per decision of the National Implementation Committee will be carried out.